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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

Chaitan Khosla, *et al.*

Serial No.: Divisional of 09/434,289

Filing Date: Even Date Herewith

For: METHOD TO PRODUCE NOVEL  
POLYKETIDES

Examiner: Unassigned

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, line 4, after "This application is" please insert -- A divisional of US Serial No.

09/434,289 which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/896,323, filed 17 July 1997 and now

U.S. Patent 6,066,721 which is --.

On page 1, line 5, please insert after "1996" -- now U.S. Patent 6,080,555, --.

On page 2, lines 6, 9, 22 and 23, please change "et al." to -- *et al.* --.

On page 3, line 9, please change "overmectin" to -- "avermectin --.

On page 4, line 19, please change "may, represent" to -- be --.

On page 5, line 10, please change "Streptomyces coelicolor" to --*Streptomyces coelicolor*--.

On page 5, line 11, please insert, before "WO95/08548" the phrase --PCT publication--.

On page 5, line 14, please change "application" to --PCT publication--.

On page 5, line 20, please delete "cys-ser-ser-ser-leu" and insert, after "alanine." --The signature sequence consists of 3 serine residues bracketed at the N-terminus by cysteine and at the C-terminus by leucine.--

On page 5, line 24, please change "Biochemistry" to --*Biochemistry*--.

On page 5, line 26, please delete "set forth below".

On page 6, line 3, please change "CH99" to --CH999--.

On page 6, line 11, please change "mL" to --  $\mu$ L-- (3 occurrences).

On page 6, line 19, please insert, before "plasmid pCK7" --a derivative of--.

On page 6, line 19, please insert after "pCK7" the phrase --(Kao, C.M., *et al.*, *Science* (1994) 265:509-512)--.

On page 6, line 20, please insert --renamed-- before "pJRJ2."

On page 6, lines 21-22, please delete "(Kao, C.M., *et al.*, ... 409-512)."

On page 6, line 22, please insert --transformants-- before "grown."

On page 7, at lines 4, 7, 14 (two times), 16, 17 and 18, please change "substrate" to --compound-- or "substrates" to -- compounds--.

On page 7, line 8, please delete "above, " and insert --above)--.

On page 7, line 18, please delete "." after "product 7".

On page 8, line 5, please change "erthromycin" to -- erythromycin--.

On page 8, lines 6, 9 and 21 and on page 9, line 1, please change "erythrea" to --*erythraea* --